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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, UNITED STATES--OCTOBER 1, 2003-2004

Item	2003	2004	% of Year Ago
	--Thousands--		--Percent--
Chickens, Egg Type	29,750	33,662	113
Chickens, Broiler Type	601,567	616,708	103
Turkeys, All Breeds	28,081	26,744	95

[Results from the monthly Chicken and Egg Report and the monthly Turkey Hatchery Report].

POULTRY HATCHING AND PLACEMENT--SEPTEMBER 2003-2004

Item	2003	2004	% of year ago	January thru September 2004	2004	% of year ago
	--Thousands--		--Percent--	--Thousands--		--Percent--
Pullet Chicks Placed Domestic (U.S.) 1/						
Broiler Type	6,654	7,758	117	61,898	63,459	103
Egg Type	273	205	75	2,323	2,389	103
Chicks Hatched - Broiler Type						
Georgia	113,442	117,942	104	1,029,580	1,074,106	104
United States	739,481	769,865	104	6,857,063	7,049,588	103
Chicks Hatched- Egg Type						
Georgia	2,371	2,339	99	21,620	21,383	99
United States	35,763	36,750	103	317,371	326,070	103
Turkeys Poults Placed 2/						
United States	22,171	21,268	96	22,171	21,268	96

[Results from the monthly Chicken and Egg Report and the monthly Turkey Hatchery Report]. 1/ Domestic placements as reported by leading breeders includes expected pullet replacements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. 2/ Accumulated turkey poults placed are September 1 to current month.

NUMBER OF LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION--SEPTEMBER 2003-2004

	Number of Layers		Eggs per 100 Layers		Total Eggs Produced	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	--Thousands--		--Number--		--Millions--	
GEORGIA						
Hatching	9,172	9,036	1,886	1,915	173	173
Table	11,058	11,018	2,279	2,224	252	245
Total Georgia	20,230	20,054	2,101	2,084	425	418
30 STATES						
Hatching	52,640	53,411	1,776	1,803	935	963
Table	259,290	267,210	2,201	2,200	5,706	5,879
Total 30 States	311,930	320,621	2,129	2,134	6,641	6,842
UNITED STATES						
Hatching	57,287	58,440	1,775	1,807	1,017	1,056
Table	276,911	284,680	2,201	2,200	6,095	6,264
Total U.S.	334,198	343,120	2,128	2,133	7,112	7,319 ^{1/}

[Results from the monthly Chicken and Egg Report]. 1/ May not add due to rounding.

COMMERCIAL POULTRY SLAUGHTER 1/--AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2004

Item	Aug	Sep	% of Last Month	January to Date
	--Thousands--		--Percent--	--Thousands--
Young Chickens				
Georgia	108,968	108,195	99	925,372
United States	770,656	752,676	98	6,601,357
Mature Chickens				
Light Type, U.S.	6,388	6,155	96	54,671
Heavy Type, U.S.	6,506	6,565	101	53,265
Total U.S.	12,894	12,720	99	107,936
Percent Condemned Young Chickens	--Percent--			--Percent--
Georgia	0.88	0.90		0.93
United States	1.06	1.06		1.08

1/ Federally inspected slaughter data as collected by Meat and Poultry Inspection Program.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER--UNITED STATES, 1/ SEPTEMBER 2003, 2004

Species	Number Slaughtered			Average Live Weight		Total Live Weight	
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
	--Thousand Head--		--Percent--	--Pounds--		--Thousand Pounds--	
Cattle	3,128.9	2,735.5	87	1,228	1,266	3,841,020	3,462,349
Calves	82.3	67.3	82	308	321	25,325	21,622
Hogs	8,573.3	8,997.7	105	263	265	2,251,547	2,384,285
Sheep & Lambs	257.2	243.6	95	131	133	33,652	32,334

[Results from the U.S. Livestock Slaughter Release]. 1/ Includes slaughter under Federal Inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS--OCTOBER 15, 2004

Commodity	Price per Unit	Georgia			United States		
		Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 15, 2004	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 15, 2004
Cotton	¢/Lb	60.60	47.20	48.30 1/	67.80	49.30	47.70 1/
Cottonseed	\$/Ton	94.00	-	88.00	104.00	89.00	107.00
Peanuts, In Shell 2/	¢/Lb	18.00	19.00	18.40	18.50	19.20	19.40
Calves	¢/Lb	101.00	123.00	119.00	112.00	129.00	127.00
Beef Cattle 3/	¢/Lb	55.50	69.20	67.30	91.50	85.80	86.40
Cows 4/	¢/Lb	41.60	54.20	52.00	44.60	53.10	50.40
Steers & Heifers	¢/Lb	82.50	98.20	97.00	97.80	89.30	91.10

[Results from the monthly Prices Received by Farmers]. 1/ Based on sales during first half of the month. 2/ Includes additional loan peanuts at loan value. 3/ "Cows," "Steers and Heifers" combined. 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

INDEX NUMBERS--UNITED STATES

	2003		2004	
	Sep	Oct	Sep	Oct
UNITED STATES (1990-92= 100)				
Prices Received	111	113	115	111
Prices Paid	128	129	134	134
Ratio 1/	87	88	86	83

[Results from the monthly Prices Received by Farmers]. 1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

STOCKS OF PEANUTS AND SPECIFIED PRODUCTS AT MONTH'S END--2004 1/

Month Ending	Farmer Stocks	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
				--Thousand Pounds--	
Sep	469,906	367,535	23,889	488,822	982,617

[Results from the Peanut Stocks and Processing Report]. 1/ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of CCC in commercial storages. Farmer stock on net weight basis. 2/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated). 3/ Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts x 1.33.

GEORGIA ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2003 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2004 FORECAST

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2003	Ind Nov 1, 2004	2003	Ind Nov 1, 2004	2003	Ind Nov 1, 2004
		--Thousand Acres--				--Thousands--	
Corn for Grain	Bu	285	280	129	130	36,765	36,400
Hay, All Other	Ton	600	580	3.0	3.0	1,800	1,740
Wheat, Winter	Bu	230	200	46	46	10,580	9,200
Peanuts	Lb	540	610	3,450	3,000	1,863,000	1,830,000
Soybeans for Beans	Bu	180	260	33	30	5,940	7,800
Cotton, Upland 1/	Bale	1,290	1,260	785	686	2,110	1,800
Tobacco, Type 14	Lbs	27.0	24.0	2,200	1,950	59,400	46,800
Apples 2/	Lbs	3/	3/	3/	3/	13,000	14,000
Grapes 2/	Ton	3/	3/	3/	3/	3.1	2.8
Peaches 2/	Lbs	3/	3/	3/	3/	110,000	110,000
Pecans	Lbs	4/	4/	4/	4/	75,000	40,000

1/ Cotton yield in pounds per harvested acre, production in 480 lb. net weight bales. 2/ Bearing age acres. 3/ Acreage and yield estimates will be released in the Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts Summary, January 2005. 4/ Not available.

PEANUT PRODUCTION--NOVEMBER 1, 2004 FORECAST BY STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Area Harvested Ind 2004	Yield Ind 2004	Production 1/ Ind 2004	2004 as % of 2003
	--1,000 Acres--	--Pounds--	--1,000 Lbs.--	--Percent--
AL	195.0	2,800	546,000	107
FL	130.0	2,600	338,000	98
GA	610.0	3,000	1,830,000	98
SC	33.0	3,400	112,200	194
US	1,388.0	3,027	4,201,350	101

1/ Estimates comprised of quota and non-quota peanuts.

ALL COTTON--NOVEMBER 1, 2004 FORECAST BY STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Acres for Harvest	Yield	Production 1/	2004 as % of 2003
	--1,000 Acres--	--Pounds--	--1,000 Bales 2/--	--Percent--
AL	535.0	727	810.0	99
GA	1,260.0	686	1,800.0	85
SC	218.0	815	370.0	113
TN	540.0	844	950.0	107
US	13,223.0	818	22,545.0	123

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned. 2/ 480 lb. net weight bales.

ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS IN GEORGIA AND UNITED STATES--2003 AND 2004

	2003			2004		
	All Hired	Field	Field and Livestock	All Hired	Field	Field and Livestock
--Dollars per Hour--						
GA	8.78	8.09	8.22	9.10	8.52	8.51
US 1/	9.08	8.31	8.42	9.22	8.45	8.55

[Results from the Agricultural Labor Survey]. 1/ Excludes AK.

FARM WAGE RATES--OCTOBER 12-18, 2003, AND OCTOBER 10-16, 2004, BY REGION AND UNITED STATES 1/

Region	Wage Rates for All Hired Workers		Type of Hired Worker					
			Field		Livestock		Field and Livestock	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
--Dollars per Hour--								
Southeast 2/	8.26	8.56	7.90	8.01	7.84	8.08	7.88	8.03
US 3/	9.05	9.30	8.42	8.60	8.64	8.91	8.47	8.67

See footnotes below.

NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS AND HOURS WORKED FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 12-18, 2003, AND OCTOBER 10-16, 2004, BY REGION AND UNITED STATES 1/

Region	Hired Workers				Expected to be Employed			
	Number		Hours Worked		150 Days or More		149 Days or Less	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
--1,000-- --Hours per Week-- --1,000--								
Southeast 2/	38	31	38.9	38.1	26	25	12	6
US 3/	891	851	40.2	40.5	626	605	265	246

[Results from the Agricultural Labor Survey]. 1/ Excludes agricultural service workers. 2/ Southeast: AL, GA, SC. 3/ Excludes AK.